



A committed skier since the age of 2 years old, Mitch has enjoyed skiing all over the world as a recreational skier and an Elite athlete. A member of Alpine Ski Club in Collingwood Ontario from the age of 10 which was his home base for a developing ski racing path in Ontario. Mitch competed in SOD during his development years, and began to get a taste for further national F.I.S., Nor-AM and European F.I.S. competition, along with several National Championships

After 13 years of ski competition as an independent elite athlete, Mitch started coaching in Collingwood at the club level to help develop a FIS Level program in its infancy at Craigleith Ski Club. This gave him exposure to the other side of the coin as the development coach for young athletes funnelling them through a program that developed several Nor-AM level athletes.

After 3 years of coaching, and through a decision to leave coaching and focus on a professional career in IT, Mitch has spent over 23 years in business as a corporate leader, and entrepreneur developing and growing business in the Canadian and US Markets. As an accomplished Project Director and Services Delivery Executive, Mitch has been responsible for managing budget and effectively delivering service value for over \$2B in projects through his career with companies like PwC, IBM and Hitachi. His entrepreneurial spirit has now lead him to be President of Innovana Solutions Inc, based in Toronto with exposure across Canada.

Over the years, Mitch maintained an active involvement in ski racing as a Masters Athlete where he competed with the Masters National Ski Team and won two National Championship titles in GS and Super G. He will be competing in the World Masters Games in 2020 in Innsbruck Austria as a National Team member and the excitement of winning a Masters FIS Globe.

He has been providing a supporting role to help continue to grow the involvement of Masters athletes in Ontario and still continues to help create some ideas for further fundraising to support ski racing at a club and National Program level.

Mitch returned to ski Racing in 2016/2017 as a coach through the influence of a respected Head Coach and friend who thought he would bring a lot of excitement and structure to a program. After a very exciting re-introduction, Mitch didn't lose his step and explored the opportunity to combine his years of experience in Elite Ski Racing, Business and desire to make ski racing a 'Great Experience' for young athletes and Masters as a Head Coach.

The opportunity to join the Glacier Ski Racing Program, and build a platform and program that will be a gateway for some new experiences, a foundation that will look to find some new Provincial and National Team athletes, and also develop a program that could see some athletes look at N.C.A.A. Scholarship skiing as an option via the provincial and National FIS competition.

"I believe this will be a rich rewarding experience for me, and being able to help open some doors and help some athletes achieve some goals will be a great contribution. My goal will be to put the foundations in place for this program to grow and produce more athletes and compete with the skiers not only in Southern Ontario, but the rest of Canada and into the United States. We will all push ourselves to grow and achieve outside our comfort zone and have a lot of fun doing it and experience some lifelong memories"